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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN CANDIDACY FOR IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

REFS: (A) VIENNA 5331, (B) ISLAMABAD 5617

1. MISOFF WAS APPROACHED JUNE 12 BY CHARGE OF THAI
MISSION (JAYANAMA) WHO RAISED SUBJECT OF PAKISTANI
WISH TO OCCUPY "FLOATING" SEAT ON BOARD FOR 1978-80.
JAYANAMA STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THAT THAILAND HAD NO
RPT NO INTENTION OF STEPPING ASIDE AS CANDIDATE OF SEAP
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REGION, WHOSE RIGHTFUL TURN IT WAS TO HOLD
SEAT. GOT WAS IN FACT PREPARING A SECOND CIRCULAR
NOTE TO MEMBER STATES STATING THAT IT HAD FULL
SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF THAT REGION. MISOFF VENTURED
OPINION THAT IF THIS WERE THE CASE, US WOULD MAINTAIN
ITS TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF SUPPORTING CANDIDATE
WHICH ENJOYED REGIONAL SUPPORT OF THAT REGION ENTITLED,

BY PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION, TO HOLD "FLOATING" SEAT.

2. COMMENT: UNLESS PAKISTANIS ARE ABLE TO TURN THAIS AROUND (AND OTHER STATES OF SEAP AS WELL) QUESTION OF OUR POSITION RE KHAN OR ETEMAD AS BOARD CHAIRMAN OBVIOUSLY WILL BE ACADEMIC SINCE AMBASSADOR SATTAR HAS TOLD US THAT PAKISTAN WILL NOT RPT NOT CONTEST A THAI CANDIDACY. IN ANY EVENT, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT OTHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS (REF B) SHOULD RECEIVE DUE ATTENTION, MISSION DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE OUR INTERESTS IN THE IAEA WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY A DEPARTURE FROM OUR TRADITIONAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THESE QUESTIONS AS NOTED IN PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, I.E. LEAVING CHOICE TO REGIONS CONCERNED TO WORK OUT.

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